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Re: New Patent Application in U.S.  
Applicant: Toshinobu ARAOKA  
Title: GRAVEL-OR-THE-LIKE REMOVING DEVICE  
Atty's Docket: ARAOKA=2

Sir:

Attached herewith is the above-identified application for Letters Patent including:

- ☒ Application Data Sheet
- ☒ Specification (51 pages), claims (9 pages) and abstract (1 page)
- ☒ 11 Sheets Drawings (Figures 1-17)  
☒ **FORMAL** [ ] Informal
- ☒ The inventors of this application are:  
**SEE THE APPLICATION DATA SHEET**
- [ ] Information Disclosure Statement with SB/08A and \_\_\_ references
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (in duplicate)

The following statements are applicable:

- [ ] Applicant hereby requests that this application **not** be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §122(a). It is certified on behalf of applicant that the invention disclosed in the application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.
- [ ] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.
- ☒ The benefit under 35 USC §119 is claimed of the filing date of:  
Application No. 2001/199806 in Japan on June 29, 2001. A certified copy of said priority document [ ] is attached [ ] was filed in progenitor case \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.
- [ ] The present application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Appln. No. 60/\_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
- [ ] The present application is a [ ] Continuation [ ] Division [ ] Continuation-in-Part of prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_. Although this application is stated to be a CIP, applicant does not concede that any matter is presented in this application which is not present in the parent.

- [ ] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
[ ] --This is a continuation / division / continuation-in-part of copending parent application No. \_\_\_\_\_,  
filed \_\_\_\_\_--  
[ ] --The present application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Appln. No. 60/\_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_,--  
[ ] --The present application is the national stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 of international application \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ which designated the United States[, which international application was published under PCT  
Article 21(2) in English].--
- [X] The application is (or will be) assigned to: TOYO DENKI INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD., whose address is 7-10,  
Norimatsu 1-chome, Yahatanishi-ku, Kitakyushu-City, Fukuoka, 807-0831, Japan.
- [ ] Certain documents were previously cited or submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the following  
prior application \_\_\_\_\_, which is relied upon under 35 USC §120. Applicants identify these documents by  
attaching hereto a form PTO-1449 listing these documents, and request that they be considered and made of  
record in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d). Per Section 1.98(d), copies of these documents need not be  
filed in this application.
- [ ] Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or  
declaration is supplied herewith, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying  
application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- [X] In accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(a) and (b), it is respectfully requested that a serial number and filing date be  
assigned to this application as of the date of receipt of the present papers. In accordance with the present  
procedures of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, an executed Declaration and the filing fee for the  
present application will be filed in due course.
- [X] **No authorization is given for charging the filing fee at the present time. However, at such time that the  
declaration is filed, but not before, you are authorized to charge whatever excess fees are necessary  
(including the filing fee and any extension of time fees then due) to Deposit Account 02-4035, if any such  
fees due are not fully covered by check filed at that time.**
- [X] The attorneys of record for this application and the address will be those of **Customer No. 001444**; i.e.,  
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- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment of fees accompanying this paper to Deposit  
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